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Dropped Between the Ties.

Frank Lynn, of North Indianapolis, has been in the habit of driving to the place of his employment, on the corner of Georgia and Meridian street, in a pony surrey. The pony was a great pet of the family, but a singular accident happened to it that makes it useless for some time to come. Lynn drove as usual to the city, and left the pony standing on the Georgia street side of his place of work. Directly along came a team of mules, and their driver, in urging them forward, threw the lash of his whip so far on that it struck the pony. This unaccustomed treatment started the animal west on a frightened run. Its flight was only stopped when the river bank was reached, at Kansas' The pony then attempted to cross the railroad bridge, but fell between the ties and hung till rescued. No bones were broken, but the animal's legs were badly injured.

Western Association of Writers.

The executive committee of the Western Association of Writers will meet at the Bates House next Tuesday afternoon and evening to agree upon a plan for next year.

New hat-racks at Wm. L. Elder's.

MERRY CHRISTMAS SEASON

A Perfect Winter Holiday, with Nipping Air and an Unceasing Fall of Snow.

An Observance in Which Everything Contributed to Increase the Happiness of the Time—Dinners, Santa Claus and Christmas-Trees.

There was nothing yesterday to distract from Christmas observance, but of all things nothing was seemingly more enjoyable than the snow, which began to fall several hours before daybreak. It's continuance without a moment's lessening of energy throughout the day put more cheer into the spirit of the time, for everybody had some happy remark to make about snow being in keeping with the day as a symbol of a merry Christmas greeting. The greens looked brighter and hearts were lighter as the winter air and falling flakes of snow brought what all termed a perfect Christmas day. While thousands were inclined to keep as close as possible to parlor and sitting-room fires, the streets were by no means deserted. Up to noon those restless business men who must take even an hour or two from holidays to keep their transactions going, were down town. Mingling with them as they were going to or coming from home were the holiday-seekers on their way to places where all the essentials of Christmas observance were to be publicly or privately enjoyed. Throughout the day street cars going in all directions were crowded, and the time was filled with merriment. Every home had its evidence of Christmas-keeping in holly, mistletoe or cedar garlands, and here and there could be seen in the forenoon the busy letter-carriers putting on bundles, making their one delivery for the day. But the express companies had their wagons out until evening, and the most of the time there were carplings of Christmas offerings from friends away at this or that home. In the afternoon the theater matinees claimed the crowds, as did the performance of plays. Then, too, there were the Sunday-school celebrations, club parties and family gatherings to complete the festivities. It was a time of feasting, dancing, putting out the hand of good fellowship to everyone.

The good cheer that filled thousands of homes was not even denied those who were held as offenders against the laws, the forty-two prisoners in the county jail being particularly well treated. They had a fine dinner of turkeys, cranberries, and all the things that tempt the appetite on such occasions. Deputy Sheriff Emmett was the master of ceremonies, and when the plates were all filled, inquired if there was any one present who would say grace. By common consent the order of Lewis Wallace, the colored man under a seven years sentence for killing his mother, was accepted, and at the close of a short speech, in which he warned his hearers against following in his tracks, a fitting acknowledgment to the Almighty was spoken. After dinner the prisoners received a box of cigars from the deputy sheriff and enjoyed greatly the luxury of smoking. At the work-house a number of turkeys, with the essentials that complete a holiday repast, were served. On leaving the table the inmates of the institution were allowed two hours in which to enjoy themselves as they fit. The amusements, however, were not so much caught their fancy were singing and dancing.

In the institutions for the afflicted the day was also observed, 102 patients at the City Hospital partaking of the good things provided for their Christmas feast. Turkeys held the chief place of honor among the substantial, and the flowers and fruit supplemented them with a bountiful supply of ice-cream. At the Central Hospital for the insane were three great Christmas trees, gorgeous with lights, and presents for a large proportion of the 1,000 patients. After a dinner, in which 1,000 pounds of turkey, six barrels of cranberries, and everything else in proportion, was served, the patients witnessed a minstrel entertainment by the Minerva-street company. Bands of music and a dance were other features of the day's entertainment. Christmas at the Institute for the Deaf and Dumb began with an entertainment Wednesday evening, consisting of a literary programme, three trees and two persons representing Santa Claus. The capacious baskets of the latter had a present for each of the three hundred pupils. The chapel exercises, yesterday morning, were made appropriate to the day by Professor Morrow, and a dinner time the bill of fare was made nearly every luxury that could be obtained. The pupils mingled socially in the parlors, last night, until 11 o'clock. The pupils of the Institution for the Education of the Blind were likewise treated with all consideration for their happiness. Christmas-trees, presents, a big dinner and an entertainment were included in the day's festivities.

The St. Vincent's Hospital patients were also given cause to remember the day, as they were the inmates of the various orphan homes.

Notes of the Day.

Family dinners were many at the hotels yesterday.

The employees at the Grand Hotel received valuable tokens from Mr. Pinget.

A. C. Lanier, of Madison, one of the wealthiest men in the State, entertained a large party at dinner at the Bates House yesterday.

According to his custom, Mr. Reibold, of the Bates House, remembered all of his employees yesterday morning by giving each a gold coin. He went throughout the house with a large tray covered with bright pieces, none of which were of less value than 5c.

DOES NOT POLLUTE THE RIVER.

The Straw-Board Works at Noblesville Do Not Damage the Water Supply of This City.

On Tuesday last the State Fish Commissioner, Colonel Dennis, met at Noblesville by appointment, Mr. Williams, local manager of the straw-board works at that place, and Mr. J. C. Morgan, general manager of the syndicate operating the works. These gentlemen then made a careful survey of the location of the plant with reference to the disposition of its refuse. "I found the condition most favorable," said Colonel Dennis to a Journal reporter yesterday, "for an easy and effectual prevention of the outflow ever reaching White River either directly or indirectly. The straw-board works are five or six hundred feet from the river, and the intervening space is a vast deposit of fine gravel from thirty to forty feet in depth, having three to four feet of soil only on its surface. The reservoir already constructed is ample for all present purposes, being six to eight feet deep, and the gravel is as porous as a sieve. As the bottom is nearly on a level with the bottom of the river, and the leaching necessarily vertical, it is obvious that no apprehensions of the river being now or hereafter polluted by the escaping water from the works are without foundation. The people of Indianapolis can congratulate themselves upon the result of this arrangement, so far as it relates to the contamination of their water supply, and the disciples of Walton can fold their arms in contentment so far as the welfare of their 'real' favorites is involved. This is the last of straw-board works that threatened the purity of the water of White River, and I am much gratified the danger is passed. I am happy to acknowledge the courtesy and readiness to oblige which has marked the course of the gentlemanly managers of the straw-board syndicate."

Surface Lost His Money.

Albert Rush, twenty-three years of age, of Bluff Creek, was arrested by Constable Schuffelberger, yesterday, and brought to this city on a charge of grand larceny. He is accused of stealing \$25 from M. S. Surface, a stock-buyer, for whom he worked. He denied the charge to a Journal reporter.

Stray Bullet.

A stray bullet, through careless use of a gun, struck Herman Rademacher, thirteen years of age, yesterday morning, as he was in his home on Graham street, dressing for church. The ball entered his back, under the left shoulder blade, and passed out on the right side of the breast. Dr. Heeberton reports the wound a dangerous one, but not necessarily fatal. The reckless hunter is supposed to be a man who was seen running away after the shot was fired, but he is not known.

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last night, and said that on the night Surcouf says he lost the money they carried away at Charles Wagner's boarding-house, on South Meridian street. Both were drinking and he had nothing to do with the loss of the money.

A DEPUTY CLERK'S HOLIDAY.

His Home Comfort Disturbed by the Demand of Persons for Marriage Licenses in a Hurry.

Deputy County Clerk Henry Bala, who lives on College avenue, near Lincoln, was prevented from enjoying thoroughly a happy Christmas yesterday. "I had just finished dinner," he said to a reporter last night, "and had sat down with my family in front of a good fire, and was preparing for a few minutes' thought, for suddenly my front door-bell rang. There, on my porch, stood a young couple shivering in the cold, and the young man asked me if I was the deputy clerk. When I told him I was, he said that they wanted a marriage license, and that it was necessary to have it in a hurry. I couldn't see them disappointed, so I drove down to the court-house and issued the license. I returned home in a bad mood, but I set down in my warm room once more my ill humor disappeared. I was not in the house a half hour before another couple drove up, and they, too, wanted a license. Well, I went down with them and made out the necessary papers. And when I went back home I found a third couple waiting for me, and what do you think I did?"

"Probably went right back," suggested the reporter.

"Yes, I did, but that wasn't all. When we reached the court-house and everything was ready for issuing the license, the young man told me he had no witness to make the necessary affidavit, and that he didn't know where he could get one. They didn't get the license, and I left the court-house thinking that my Christmas had almost been a failure."

AMUSEMENTS.

GRAND OPERA-HOUSE—"THE CITY DIRECTORY."

There were the usual large Christmas audiences at the theaters yesterday afternoon and last night. There wasn't a seat to be had at the Grand at 8 o'clock in the evening, and the audience was so delighted with the high-class specialties of the City Directory Company that the performance was lengthened close to half an hour by the numerous encores. The clever people who comprise this company popularized the piece when here in September, and there is little that can be added to the many good words that have already been written and said of the play. John W. Hartmark, who has been added to the company, and his vocal efforts are on a par with the other specialties. The company was in a Christmas-night humor and seemed to enjoy the fun as much as the audience. Charles Reed almost wore himself out in his efforts to satisfy the demand for more, and, at the close of a short speech, in which he recalled with improvised recitations which the rest of the company had evidence never heard. Reed's songs were the same he sang before, and he was laughed at as heartily as if altogether new. The "census act," in which he recited the names of the city directory, was greeted with shouts of merriment. Collier, with his melancholy make-up as the stage manager, furnished much amusement. J. C. Miron's splendid voice was heard to advantage in one of the songs and several choruses. Ignacio Martini dashed himself out of breath to please a persistent crowd.

THE RABBIT DANCE OF THE THREE LAST-NAMED PEOPLE.

Burt Haverly's Italian song was well received, and the Flower Girl had imitations before the audience her own. His imitations of Nat Goodwin in "A Gold Mine" and George S. Knight in "Barbaric" were exceedingly clever. The Irwin sisters, a musical couple, came in for a large share of attention and applause, their negro dialect being especially popular. Singing and dancing of Beatie Cleveland, Kate Cart and Maym Kelso delighted the audience. Amelia Glover's spirit dancing was much enjoyed, and the significance of grace in all her movements, and her pretty young face fairly glows with the interest she takes in her work. The evening's entertainment was an appreciation of it. The old favorites were welcomed with applause as they first came upon the stage, and it was one of the warmest and most successful of the night by the Grand Opera-house. "The City Directory" will be repeated to-night, and tomorrow afternoon and evening.

ENGLISH'S OPERA-HOUSE—"THE FATHERLAND."

At English's last night, Chas. A. Gardner pleased a large audience with his comedy, "Fatherland." In the line that J. K. Emmett made famous there are none who ex-ecute it better. His singing and dancing constitute, of course, an attractive feature of the performance, and the audience taxed his resources in this direction to the utmost. He never allows a song to grow old unless it is so firmly established in the memory of the audience as to be a permanent feature. His repertoire is rich in this respect, and he has a number of songs in his repertoire, which now comprises the following musical gems: "Geandheit," "Alpine Guide," "Shut Your Eyes Lightly and Open Your Mouth," "Prophet's Song," "German Swell," "The Liliac," "The Spinning-Wheel," "Echo" and "Alpine Chorus." The introduction in the close of the first act of the "Tyrolean quartet" is a novelty of a pleasing description. Their peculiar style of vocalization and well-trained voices were greatly enjoyed. "Fatherland" is a comedy with a vein of love and sensation running through it, and as Herman Leopold, a Tyrolean guide, Mr. Gardner has ample scope for the display of his histrionic qualities as a character actor. He is fairly well supported by Robert Ferguson, Frederick Roberts, Hugo Hicks, Nelson Compton, Eva Byron, Marie May, Ida Valentine and a number of clever little child actors. Ferguson's role is an exaggerated one—that of an English artist who appears to be a sort of harmless idiot—but he played it to the satisfaction of the audience. Three more performances of "Fatherland" will be given, to-night, to-morrow afternoon and evening.

NOTES.

The "Clementine Case" will be presented at the Grand Opera-house New York's matinee by the company that first appeared in the play in New York.

Thatcher's minstrels will be at the Grand Opera-house for two nights, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. This is a very strong minstrel company.

Frank L. Frayne in "Kentucky Bill" had very large audiences at the Park at both performances yesterday. The play will be presented four more times, to-day and to-morrow.

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SAVING VICTIMS OF DRINK

Mr. Murphy Urges Repeated Forgiveness for Those Who, Often Tempted, Fall.

Words of Encouragement from Pastors and Others as They Speak of the Savior—Persuading Drinkers to Sign the Pledge.

Francis Murphy's meeting at Y. M. C. A. Hall last night was not large in point of numbers, but it was a success, for many of the audience had come upon Christmas night to sign the pledge and make a fair start before the new year. Appropriate to the occasion, Mr. Murphy read a part of the second chapter of the gospel of St. Luke, in which the birth of the Savior announced to the shepherds in the fields watching their flocks is told. Rev. L. E. Kennedy led in prayer and Rev. J. P. Cowan spoke briefly of the great power of good in gospel temperance. "How many times shall a man be taken up if he fall?" asked Mr. Murphy at the conclusion of Mr. Cowan's remarks. "Shall he be forgiven seven times?" Christ said seventy and seven. The slippery side of the ice is turned up now. If a man falls we let him lie there, but if an old horse fall, oh, my! everybody gets around him to lift it up. Then they take it away to the harness shop to have the breeching mended. But they put a man in the police wagon and ring the bell so that everybody can see him. Oh, if we had the mercy of Christ there would not be so many wandering boys.

"Somebody" remarked the Rev. Samuel Sawyer, the next speaker, "said of Christ that this world being never wrote any thing; that he was not a scholar like Ingelsoll. That, according to some, would seem to settle it. What if he did not write books with his own hands? He uttered words that have gone out into the ends of the earth full of sweetness, love and power, touching the hearts of men who had intelligence, but by his infinite power and giving them eloquence to instruct us. His whole life was full of that angelic song of glory to God in the highest; on earth, peace, good will to men. On this glad day we may thank God that He came with His unspeakable love for men."

I have," said Capt. Eli E. Ritter, who was called upon to speak, "watched those men who have been reclaimed for two years and others for less time. 'Ras Everson, my old friend, I have seen you make the right end. God bless you, I hope you will be victorious in the end. I want to join with everybody everywhere and all the time in any kind of a movement that will save men. I might differ with Mr. Murphy in some things, but in this he has done a great work here. God bless every man who makes an earnest and determined effort."

"Thank God," said Mr. Murphy, "for a movement that brings a barrel of flour into the house, that hangs up a ham in the butler's pantry, and gives a man a drink. Mr. Kennedy spoke briefly, and was followed by Ras Everson, a man well known in this city, where he has lived nearly all his life, and who has made many efforts to overcome the drink habit. Mr. Everson spoke with much embarrassment, but his trembling tones made his words deeply pathetic. "I thought," said he, "when I put on this ribbon again I would not do any more talking, but there has been so much done for me I would feel myself ungrateful if I did not in a public manner make acknowledgments. I am under obligations to many persons for their kindness. Dr. Fletcher has taken me back into his place. This has been the most successful Christmas I ever experienced. For four months I have been drinking—ever since I lost my mother—and I have felt that I have been a curse to the world. Here I am, a new man, and I have been taken to a Christmas dinner by James Martin, of the Murphy League, who has given me his new suit of clothes. 'I have them on now,' said Mr. Everson, quite breaking down. He was followed by Frank Reynolds, who said that he had signed the pledge two years ago, and thanked God for it.

"How much comes to us by Christmas?" said Dr. Cleveland, who then spoke. "It was a hard day in this city that day, everywhere else in the old days. There was not much brotherhood, and look out for yourself was the word. There were lots of us, of course, and we were all drinking. They are not down now. But in that dark, unneighborly time those angels came with the message of sympathy and love to the people. Then for the first time in many years the wonderful music of the heavens struck on mortal ears, and the earth has been echoing to that sweet song ever since. There is always an element of good entering into Christmas day as it comes to me, for I have a boy in Philadelphia alone in that city. The more full and crowded a city the more lonely is a man in it. Ex-pressmen came to my house last night, but nothing from that boy. The post delivery came this morning. Nothing from him. I thought about what Mr. Murphy said—that a boy should not forget his father and mother. Would there not be a letter from him? I have been waiting for a message did come by special delivery. His mother's heart was very glad, though I saw the tears fall from her eyes. Then are homes in this city that are always sad. Where is John? Where is Jim? Mother is weeping, and the dear, sweet wife is shedding tears, because the husband does not come home. Merry Christmas in the house. One of the worst things about intemperance is that it hurts the people who do not drink. But there are homes that are brighter and happier for Mr. Murphy's coming."

At the close of Dr. Cleveland's remarks twenty or more persons thronged the tables in front of the platform anxious to sign the pledge and don the blue ribbon. Messrs. Taggart, Langdon, Jackson, Martin and others, of the Blue Ribbon League, were among the audience, and they were all persuaded and bring the wavering to the point of making a full declaration. Mr. Murphy was everywhere, shaking hands and words of encouragement to the converts. One of the best short speeches of the evening was made by Mr. Pallikan, a German, a cabinet-maker by trade. The meeting to-night will be held at Y. M. C. A. Hall, but on Sunday a temperance mass-meeting will be held at Tomlinson Hall.

JUDGE HINES PROSTRATED.

His Condition Unfavorable, His Doctor Says, for Recovery from a Stroke of Paralysis.

The news received yesterday concerning Judge Cyrus C. Hines, who was prostrated by sickness, at his farm, near Ludlow, Vt., on Wednesday, was unfavorable. This came through a telegram from his physician, Dr. Lane, to Mr. S. A. Fletcher. He had passed the day with no encouraging change in his condition, his left side being paralyzed, with often-recurring attacks of drowsiness. The Judge's mind, however, remains clear, he having a full consciousness of his condition. Judge Hines filled a prominent place as a lawyer and as a volunteer soldier during the civil war. This city was his home for thirty years, he having come here in 1854, when twenty-four years of age, and leaving in 1887 to go to New York to take charge of the estates of two deceased brothers. At that time he was a law partner of President Harrison, the firm name being that of Harrison, Miller & Hines. Previous to that he was also a partner of President Harrison and Abraham Lincoln, a firm that preceded by some years the one first mentioned.

Judge Hines' career of activity began long before he attained his majority. His father died when Cyrus was but five years of age, and in 1854, when twenty-four years of age, the birth of the latter having occurred in Washington county, New York, Dec. 10, 1850. After the death of the elder Hines he finally moved to Loudon, Vt., and there young Cyrus attended the academy and worked in the cotton-mills until he was twenty-one years of age. He taught school two years, and two years later came to Indianapolis. Here he studied law with Simon Yandes, and the year following his arrival he was admitted to the bar, when he and Yandes became partners. He continued, continuing as such until 1880. The next year young Hines volunteered as a private in the three months' service in Company H, Eleventh Indiana Regiment. He soon became an aid on General Morris's staff. In time he was major in the

Twenty-fourth and colonel of the Fifty-seventh Indiana Regiment. His military service was highly creditable, the several campaigns in which he served in West Virginia and the West bringing him honor and the confidence of his superiors. He was badly wounded at the battle of Stone river, and it was not until 1865 that he could resume his practice, although he had been out of the army for two years. In 1866 he became judge of the Marion, Hendricks, Morgan and Johnson county circuit. Judge Hines was twice married, his wives being sisters and daughters, Maria and Lucy, of Calvin Fletcher. The first wife died, leaving one child, Fletcher, but by the second marriage no children were born.

ELECTRIC LIGHT BIDS.

Councilmen Expect to Award the Contract on Figures Near Present Prices—Outside Bids.

City Clerk Swift has received no bids yet for lighting the city under the plan adopted by Council and the Board of Aldermen, and it is not probable that any will be sent in before the evening of Jan. 5, the last day upon which they can be made. Councilmen think there is no doubt but that the bids will be very close, and that some will be received from electric-light companies outside the city. It is almost equally certain that Council will not make a contract for lights at prices much above the rates now charged—\$60 per light. There is a disposition, however, to make \$100 the maximum price per light.

Mr. Olson claims that he has been told by men connected with one or two electric-light companies that the increase over the present prices will be very small, and he says that he will not bid. "We receive bids at reasonable rates," said another councilman last night, "we will take at least eight hundred electric lights, but only on that condition. I have been informed that the companies are making money now at \$60 per lamp, and I, for one, shall not vote to go much higher. I can see how we will have to pay a little more than we do now, but as for going above \$100, it is entirely out of the question."

Will any outside companies put in bids?" the reporter asked.

"I understand one in Chicago and another in St. Louis intend to bid, and there may be more. All of our home companies and the Fort Wayne Jenney will also submit proposals."

"Should an outside company be awarded the contract, would it be compelled to lay new conduits for its wires?"

"I think not. When our home companies put in their conduits I think it was with the understanding other companies could rent them."

WILL BEGIN THE WORK SOON.

Threatened Litigation, It Is Thought, Will Not Long Interfere with the Viaduct.

The acceptance of the Virginia-avenue viaduct ordinance by the Union Railway and Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis companies, which was filed with the city clerk Wednesday night, did not come as a surprise to the city officers. It was explicitly stated two weeks ago that if Council would make certain changes in the original ordinance it would be accepted. The changes were made, and there was no reason to believe that the men would raise any further objections. They have not yet secured options on all of the South Alabama street property adjoining the viaduct site, but they have secured them, it is said, that warranted an acceptance of the ordinance.

It is the intention of some of the property-owners on Alabama street to appeal to the courts for an injunction to compel the Union Railway Company to put four approaches to the viaduct. It is not believed, however, that the litigation will long delay the work. It is also reported that the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad Company will oppose the viaduct, because it will interfere with the entrance to its freight depot, but officers of the Union Railway Company have said that no trouble from this source need be anticipated. If everything is carried out as now intended work on the viaduct will be begun soon. Much of the structure is to be of cast iron, and that much will be done in the shops. The sections are to be shipped here, and the work of putting them together will not require, comparatively, much time.

The First Heavy Snow.

Although yesterday's snow-storm was not unusually severe it was the heaviest that has occurred here since 1888. The fall was steady all day, and before noon the street-car lines were temporarily blocked. Drags and salt-cars did good service in cleaning the tracks, but no effort was made to move the cars on the regular schedule. Men were stationed at all of the principal curves to throw switches, and at many of the turntable difficulty was had in manuevering the cars on account of the ice and accumulated snow. There was better service, however, in the evening. The railroad trains from the West were from a halt to an hour late, and those from the East came in on better time, but in every case some minutes behind the schedule.

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